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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

A case of smallpox in San Pedro, Cal.

SAN PEDRO, CAL., *December 13, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report a case of smallpox at San Pedro, Cal., which appeared December 7. Stringent measures are being used, and I am satisfied there will be no spread of the disease. The disease was contracted in Randsburg, Cal., about 100 miles above Los Angeles Will keep you advised as to future developments. Would like a supply of vaccine. (*a*)

Respectfully,

WM. A. WELDON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

HEALTH OFFICER, *City of San Pedro.*

A case of smallpox in Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, ME., *December 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a case of varioloid was discovered in this city on the 22d instant, a man, age 25 years, who came to this city by rail on the 21st from Boston, Mass., where he had been a student at the Institute of Technology. He has been isolated at his home in this city.

Respectfully,

S. D. BROOKS,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

A case of smallpox at the marine hospital at St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO., *December 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the admission to this hospital to-day of a case of smallpox, No. 213, George St. Clair, colored, aged 23 years; nativity, Missouri. The case was immediately reported to the board of health and by it removed to the municipal quarantine hospital. Our diagnosis was confirmed by the city physician who directed the removal.

The history of the patient is obscure, there being doubt of his having been employed on a vessel since October 15, 1901.

He has, however, been living in a colored boarding house whence several cases of smallpox have recently been taken.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. GASSAWAY,
Surgeon, U S. M. H. S., In Command.

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a The vaccine virus was sent.